

## Senate Resolution 185

By: Senators Chance of the 16th, Seabaugh of the 28th, Rogers of the 21st, Seay of the 34th, Murphy of the 27th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Sheriff Randall Johnson on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Sheriff Randall Johnson has long been recognized by the citizens of this state  
3 for the vital role that he has played in community leadership and his deep personal  
4 commitment to public service and the State of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Randall Johnson, Sheriff of Fayette County, has served the State of Georgia  
6 ably and with great distinction for nearly 49 years; and

7 WHEREAS, born in Fayette County on October 13, 1940, and a graduate of Fayette County  
8 High School, he began his law enforcement career in 1959, when he was sworn in as a  
9 Fayette County Deputy Sheriff by then Fayette County Sheriff James Stinchcomb; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1961, he went to work for the State of Georgia working at the Capitol in  
11 Atlanta, before joining the Georgia Department of Revenue, Division of Alcohol and  
12 Tobacco as a special agent two years later; and

13 WHEREAS, he left the Department of Revenue to successfully campaign for the Office of  
14 Sheriff of Fayette County; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1976, he was elected the 23rd Sheriff of Fayette County and has been  
16 successfully reelected by the citizens of Fayette County for eight terms; and

17 WHEREAS, upon the occasion of his retirement on December 31, 2008, Sheriff Randall  
18 Johnson stood as the third longest serving sheriff in Georgia, tied with only six other sheriffs  
19 for length of service; and

20 WHEREAS, he and his lovely wife, Kaye Stansel, have been married for 40 years and are  
21 the proud parents of two daughters, Melissa Johnson and Beth Anderson, and are blessed  
22 with two grandsons, Brady and Sawyer Anderson; and

23 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
24 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his state as evidenced dramatically by his many  
25 years of exemplary service as sheriff; and

26 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience  
27 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the members of  
28 his community and this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues  
29 and associates; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
31 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 honor and commend Sheriff Randall Johnson for his many decades of efficient, effective,  
34 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of this state and extend to him their  
35 most sincere best wishes for his retirement.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sheriff Randall Johnson.